

The political campaign is very quiet just now—but wait a bit!

SNOW in the Nevada mountains! Cherish the thought and the dog-days' ardent sun will have lost half its terrors.

THE name Bull Moose smacks of the confines of the distant forest, and 'tis appropriate: our Republican neighbors will be taking to the woods ere the snow falls.

THE Progressive Republicans met in convention in St. Louis last Tuesday and nominated a full State ticket—Judge A. D. Norton heading it. The split in the G. O. P. seems to be as deep as a well and wide as a barn door, and 'tis enough.

MAINE went Republican Monday, by a close shave. So close that with three tickets—Democratic, Republican and Bull Moose—in November, the State is almost certain to give Wilson its electoral vote. She has gone "h—ll bent" only temporarily.

A LOS ANGELES Brain Specialist says that Americans will all be bald headed in 300 years, because of their intense brain activity. I will begin at once to curb the too, too lively tenor of the gray matter which fills my cranium. Forewarned is forearmed.

THE Vermont election last week showed a divided Republican party and a big gain in the Democratic vote. In that State it requires a majority of all the votes cast to elect a Governor. The Republican candidate failed to receive a majority and the Legislature will have to decide.

OUR Governor's heart is split asunder because of the rift in the G. O. P. in this state. He, in tearful type-writing, appeals to the Progressives to come over to the Taft forces, so as to save the "offices." His motto, as voiced in his appeal, is—"Success is all-in-all; principle be d—d!"

ARKANSAS goes 35,000 against Prohibition. Everything in the State is Democratic. The most prominent feature of the election is the probable elimination of Gov. Donaghey from future political power. He was an ardent advocate of Prohibition, and its defeat leaves him "high and dry."

SOME time in the long past some one exclaimed, "O that mine enemy had written a book!" Now, both Woodrow Wilson and the Terrible Teddy have written several books, but I have not heard of their ante-dating them "to serve a friend." A single line may be more damning than a big volume.

WORK is honorable and elevating, of course; all of us admit it, and sing the praises of him who in the sweat of his brow earns bread. But how we long for the day when we can take things easy, and the needs of life shall be supplied by the labor of the other fellow. 'Tis the end we all aim at, despite our fond professions.

THE mill-tax amendment—for the benefit of the State University, in particular—is a good one to vote down. If there is to be additional taxation for school purposes let it be for the rural districts alone. The State University ought to be self-sustaining, and if it isn't, let it shut up shop. There is altogether too much "graft" soldered to State higher education.

THE St. Louis Star has turned "Independent"—with a big I—and is going to refute the "lies and vilifications" which the other newspapers delight in heaping upon Teddy's meek and lowly head. It starts out well and, by the time the campaign is ended, will have so increased the roll of the Ananias Club that that organization will outnumber the muster of both old parties.

THERE is continual complaint that notes, bonds and other securities go untaxed because of their concealment by the holders. To me, the remedy for this seems simple. Before any evidence of debt or its transfer may become legal, let it bear the assessor's stamp. He will enter it in a book supplied for the purpose, and "hiding" will be impossible. If a law to that effect was enacted it would unearth millions now tax-free.

THE Chicago Public—always right in fundamentals—gives, in a nutshell, the difference between the Democratic and the Progressive parties on the principal issue to be voted on next November: "One of the weaknesses of the Progressive Party platform, a

weakness that goes to its very foundations, is its tariff-Protection principle. Freetraders in the Progressive Party may retort that the Democratic platform is not for Freetrade, and this is true. But the Democratic platform does demand the fullest measure of trade freedom that Constitutional barriers permit, whereas the Progressive platform pledges its supporters to tariff-Protection in perpetuity. It does this, indeed, for the benefit of wage-workers; but hasn't Protection always been demanded for that purpose? and hasn't it always failed? Aye, but the Progressive Party is to make the purpose a reality! Impossible. No party can do that. Tariff-Protection is a system of Privilege, and in the very nature of Privilege there can be no privilege for wage-workers the benefits of which they can keep. Privilege means monopoly, monopoly means concentration, concentration means power for the few, and power for the few means exploitation of the many."

Phayer-Pratt.

At Arcadia Convent Wednesday, August 28, 1912 at 4 P. M., in the presence of a small party of intimate friends, Mr. Christopher L. Pratt and Miss Mamie A. Phayer were joined in Holy Matrimony by Rev. John F. Adrain. Miss Lottie Kammholz acted as bridesmaid and Mr. Wm. Austin as best man. The bride was charmingly dressed in white silk brillantine and carried ferns and white roses. After congratulations and showers of rice the bridal party returned to the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Phayer. Several very pleasant hours were spent in singing and music. Dainty refreshments were served. After which Mr. Pratt took his bride to "Wild Wood Cottage," which had been put in excellent order. The following evening Mr. and Mrs. Pratt were "at home" to a party of friends. A most pleasant evening was spent by those fortunate enough to be present. All wished Mr. and Mrs. Pratt a long and happy journey through life and a path of roses without thorns. K.

In Memoriam

The many friends of Mrs. La Verta Barth, nee Hackworth, were very much grieved to hear of her death last week at her home in St. Louis. She was a Des Arc girl, was born and raised here. She taught in our Public School for a number of years and was loved by her pupils, and her sweet disposition won for her friends wherever she went. Mrs. Barth endured her sickness with patience and Christian faith the several months she was a sufferer. She was a loving mother, always so kind and gentle to those about her. She leaves a husband and three children to whom our hearts go out in deepest sympathy. Especially do we sympathize with the broken-hearted old couple, uncle Bill Hackworth and wife, who raised Mrs. Barth, her father and mother having died when she was only a child of 5 years. She was such a comfort to them in their old age. Each summer they looked forward to her coming with the happy hearted children who will never again hear their mother's voice. She was all the old couple had, as they never were blessed with any children of their own. Our hearts go out in sympathy to them and may God help the bereaved ones. She was a member of the M. E. church at this place and for many years was organist of the S. S. Funeral services were conducted from the family residence in St. Louis, and her body laid to rest in the family lot. Her suffering ended with the break of day, Yet lives she at its close, And breathed the long half night away In statue-like repose.

NOTICE TO BUILD WALK.

To Oscar L. Allen: You are hereby notified that on Monday, the 2d day of September, 1912, the Board of Aldermen of the City of Iron County, Missouri, passed an ordinance requiring you to construct along the west end of south half lot No. 11, in block No. 12, North Addition, in said city, where the same abuts on Main street, a sidewalk of the dimensions and materials as follows, to wit: Said sidewalk shall have an incline from the outside edge of the street downward toward the curb of one-fourth inch to the foot. The width shall be five feet. Said walk shall be cut into blocks of five feet, said cut being close to the curb of the street and the top, and so as to be directly over each other and form one cut, the upper cut to be made with a groover through the line of the center of the walk so constructed shall be laid directly along and over the center of that portion of the street set aside for sidewalk purposes. The ground for said sidewalk shall be excavated to a depth below the intended surface of said sidewalk of eight inches on the outside line of the street, and ten inches on the curb line, the bottom of the excavation to slope from the outside line of the street to the curb line. Upon this excavation shall be placed a foundation bed of gravel or cinders, well tamped down, six inches in depth at the curb line and diminishing to four inches in depth at the outside line of the street, so as to present as nearly as may be an even surface four inches lower than the intended surface of the sidewalk. Upon this foundation bed of gravel or cinders, shall be constructed a cement pavement, the first three inches of which shall be composed of one part by measure of Portland cement, four parts by measure of clean, sharp gravel, and two parts by measure of sharp creek sand, all thoroughly mixed before the water is applied, and then water must be added and the whole thoroughly mixed into a paste and put into place and well tamped, leaving the surface as nearly smooth as possible for the top. Upon this composition, and during the same day in which it shall have been constructed and placed, and in such manner as to form a perfect union therewith, shall be laid a top coating of one inch in thickness, composed of three parts by measure of Portland cement, and five parts by measure of sharp creek sand, thoroughly mixed, and after it becomes dry enough to travel, it must be troweled down to an even and smooth surface. Said sidewalk shall conform as nearly as may be to the uniform or established grade of the street, along which it is to be laid, and shall be free from steps, breaks and obstructions, as practicable. And that unless you complete the construction of said sidewalk in the manner and of the materials required in said ordinance, within thirty days from the 12th day of September, 1912, the date of service of this notice, said City will proceed to have said sidewalk constructed at your expense, and will levy the cost thereof against said property, and issue a tax bill against said property for the cost of said construction, in the manner provided by law and the ordinances of said City. Given under my hand this 4th day of September, 1912. C. W. MASON, Street Commissioner of the City of Iron County, Missouri.

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